

HE'S
ONLY FOUR,
REYNOLDS!



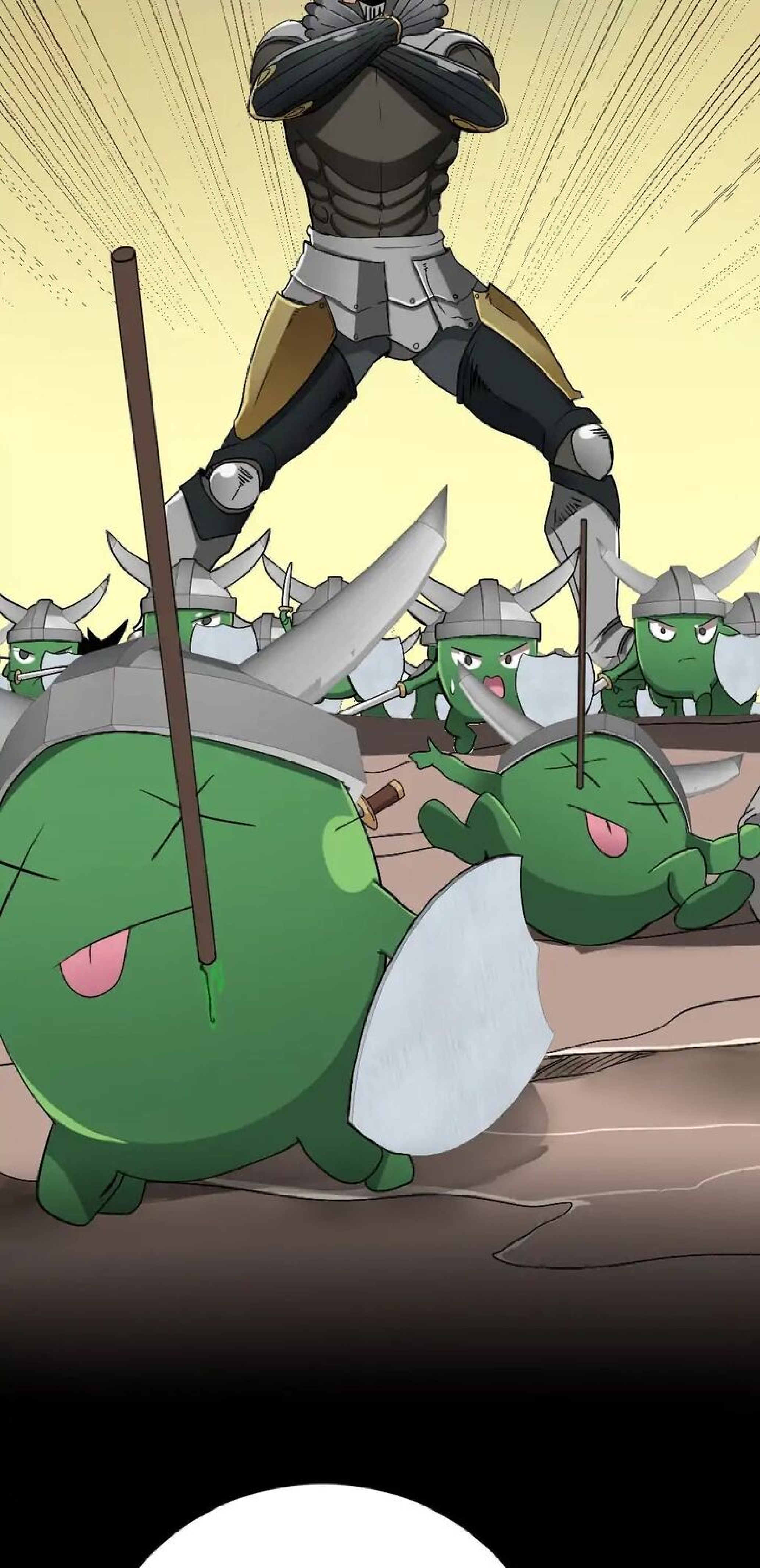


BESIDES,
YOU SAID YOU'D
BE ABLE TO
TEACH HIM!





EXACTLY!



I NEVER EXPECTED
OUR SON TO BE SUCH
A MANA MANIPULATION
PRODIGY AT FOUR
YEARS OLD!



I'M HOLDING
HIM BACK! HE'S
GOT SO MUCH
POTENTIAL!







I'M NOT
HAVING MY
CHILD LEAVE HOME TO
SOME CITY HUNDREDS
OF MILES AWAY!



A child with brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, is sitting at a round wooden dining table. The table is set with various dishes: a plate of meat and vegetables, a plate of fruit (apple, grapes, banana), a plate of bread, and a small bowl of green salad. There are also several glasses and a lit candle in a holder. The child is looking down at their plate.

XYRLUS
ISN'T JUST
SOME CITY! AND
I'LL MAKE SURE
MY FRIEND
TAKES CARE
OF HIM!

A close-up of the same child from the previous panel, sitting at the table and eating. The child has a sad or tired expression, with heavy-lidded eyes and a small frown. They are using a fork and knife to eat a piece of meat. The background is a dark wooden wall.

SIGH





ART, YOU
HAVE A SAY
IN THIS AS
WELL.

DO YOU
WANT TO GO
TO A BIG CITY
AND HAVE
A REAL
TEACHER?



WAIT, HE'S
LETTING ME
DECIDE?



ISN'T THIS A
BIT TOO MUCH
TO ASK OF A
FOUR-YEAR-

OLD?



CAN'T

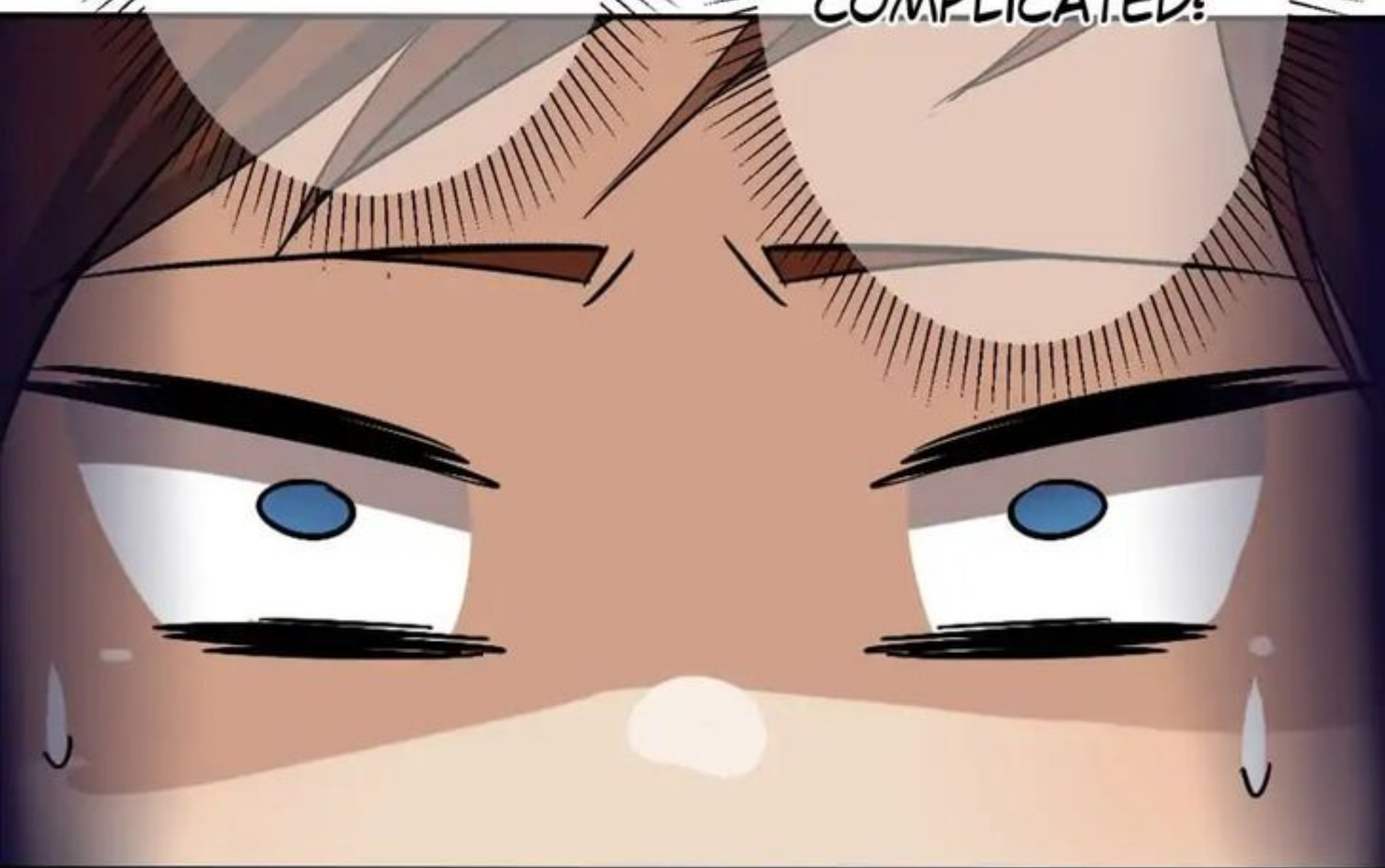
MOMMY AND
DADDY COME TOO
AND MEET TEACHER
TOGETHER?





D-DID I
SAY SOMETHING
WRONG?

WAS MY
SENTENCE TOO
COMPLICATED?



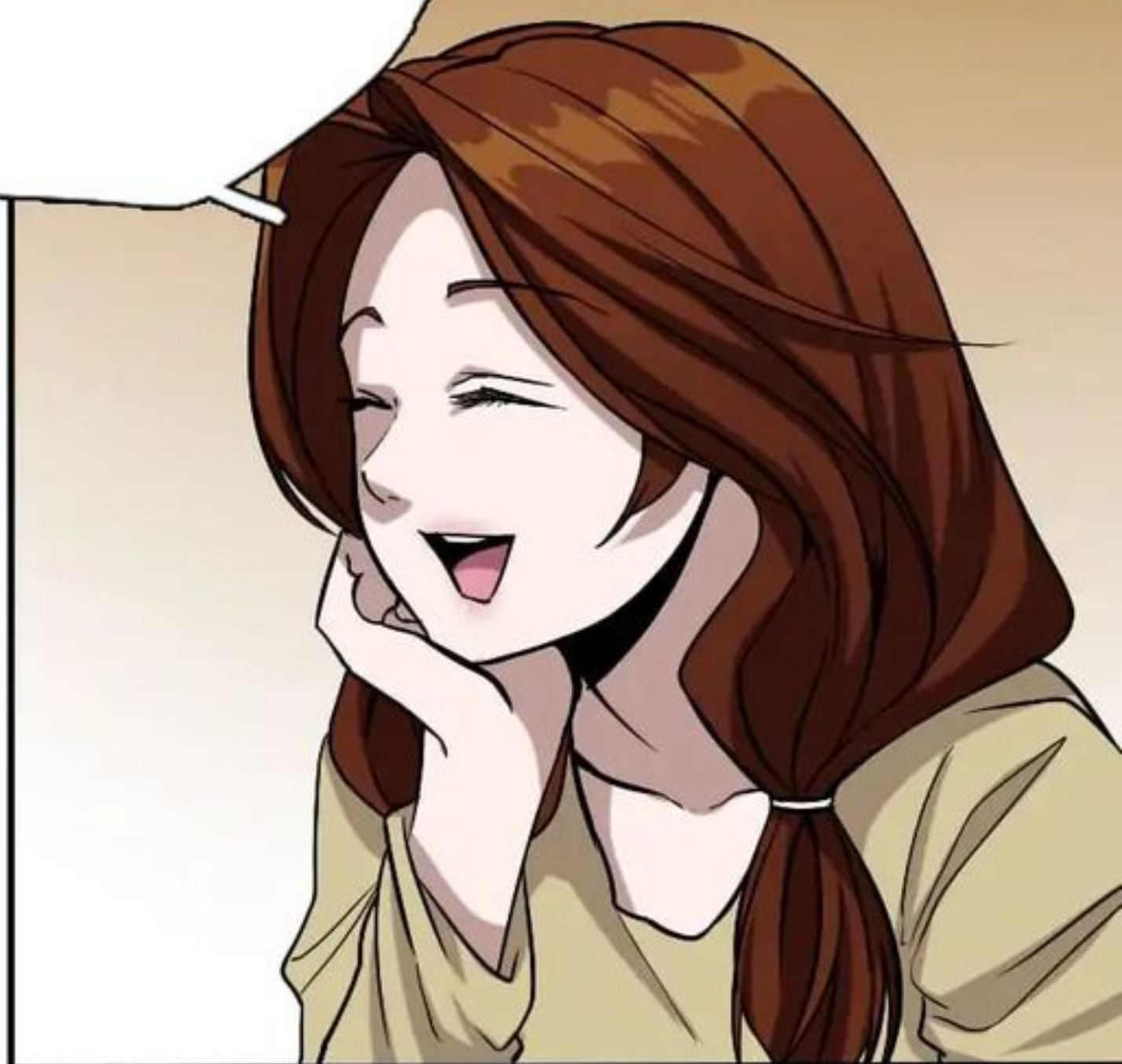


I GUESS
WE REALLY
DIDN'T THINK
ABOUT ALL OF
US GOING
TOGETHER!





I MIGHT FEEL
BETTER ABOUT
THIS IF I'M THERE
WHEN HE'S TESTED
AND MEETS HIS
TEACHER.



THEN IT
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE
ALL GOING TO
XYRLIS CITY!



SMASH

SMASH

...AND SO,
I WAS SHOCKED
TO OVERHEAR MY PARENTS
ALREADY PREPARING FOR
THE THREE-WEEK
JOURNEY.

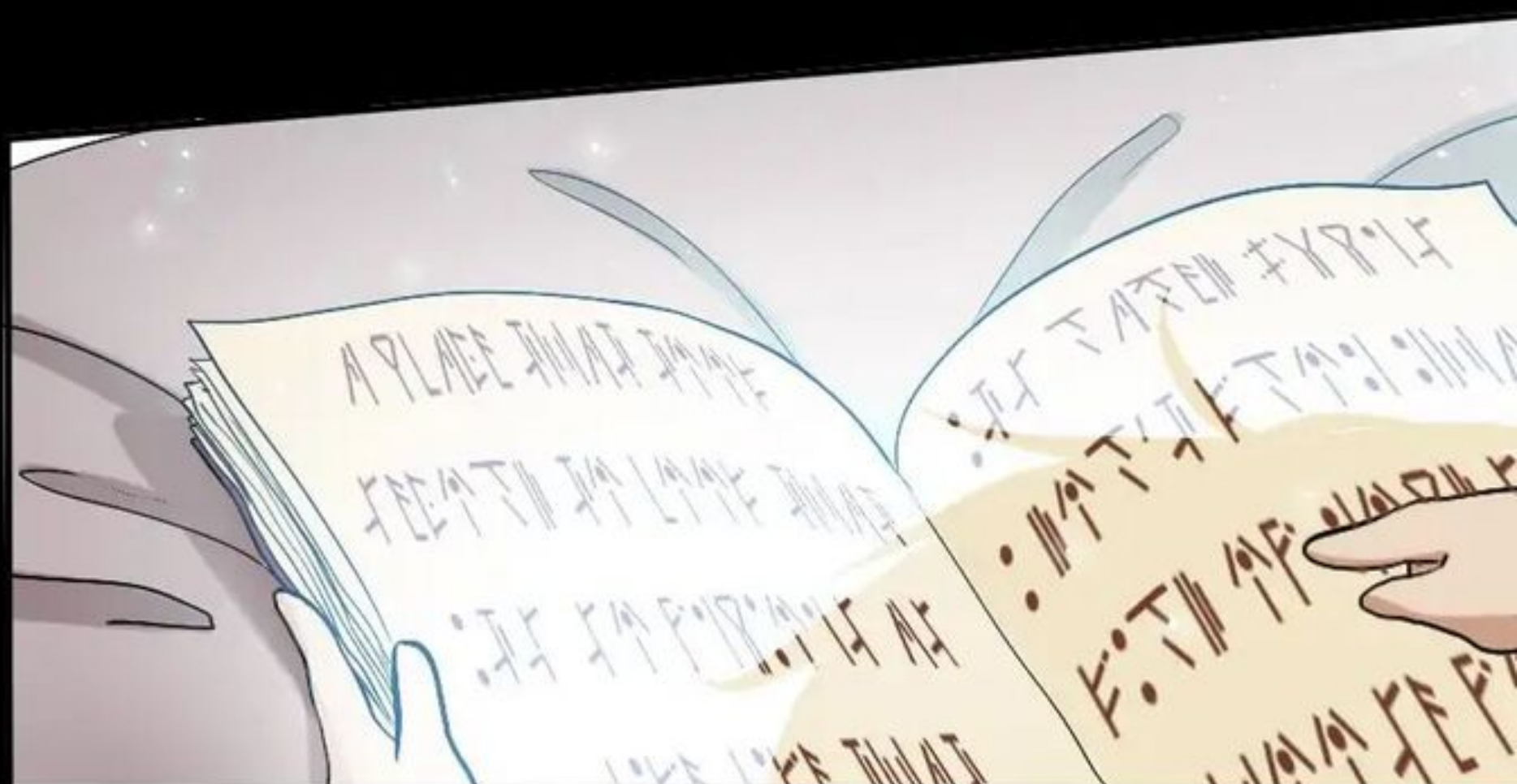


THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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I THOUGHT
I SAW IT HERE
SOMEWHERE...



YOU NEED TO
GET TO BED,
MISTER!

WE'RE
HEADING OUT
EARLY TO-
MORROW!

SMOOSH





TOMORROW?
SO FAST!

I KNOW, HONEY.
I HATE RUSHING LIKE
THIS TOO.

BUT
YOUR MOM
AND DAD'S OLD
FRIENDS FROM
THE TWIN HORNS
ARE GOING TO
XYRUS AS
WELL



SO
THEY'RE
TAKING US
ALONG!

YOUR DAD
IS WITH THEM
RIGHT NOW.





I BETTER NOT
CATCH YOU STAYING
UP READING AGAIN! YOU CAN
BRING SOME BOOKS
FOR THE TRIP
TOMORROW



SO
GO TO
SLEEP!



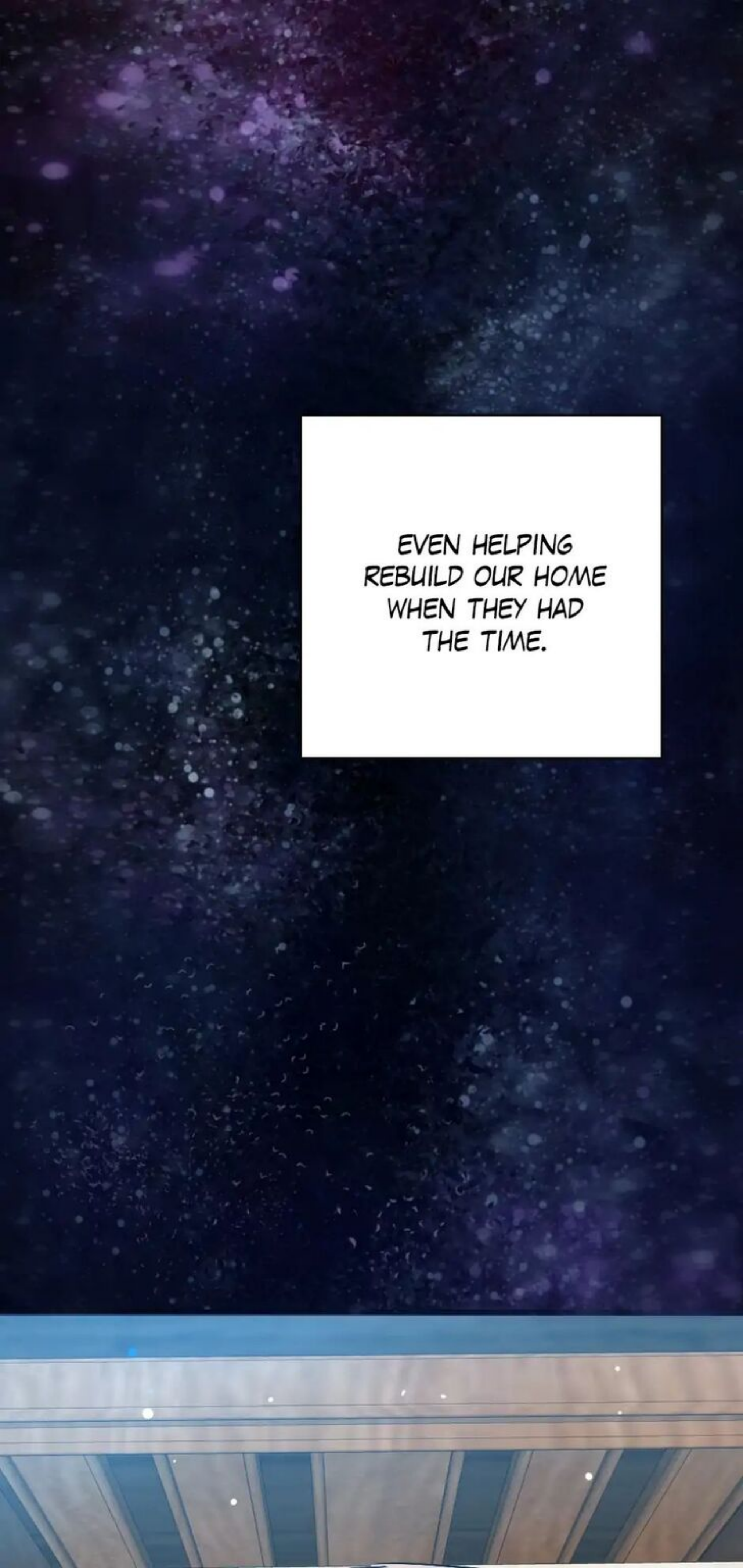
OKAY,
MOM! GOOD
NIGHT.



SWEET
DREAMS,
HONEY!



I KNEW
THE TWIN HORNS
HAD BEEN IN THE AREA
FOR A WHILE



EVEN HELPING
REBUILD OUR HOME
WHEN THEY HAD
THE TIME.



FROM WHAT
I HEARD, THE PARTY
CONSISTED OF TWO
CONJURERS AND THREE
AUGMENTERS.

THIS WOULD
HELP WHATEVER
TROUBLES WE MIGHT
RUN INTO.

I'M FINALLY
MOVING ON FROM
THIS SMALL, QUIET
TOWN

TOWN.

IT'S TIME
TO SEE WHAT
THIS WORLD TRULY
HAS TO OFFER.









THANKS AGAIN
FOR TAKING US WITH

YOU WANT TO BRING
YOU ON THIS TRIP!



FELLAS,
I WANT YOU
ALL TO MEET
MY SON!





ARTHUR,
INTRODUCE
YOURSELF!



HELLO,
MY NAME
IS ARTHUR
LEYWIN.

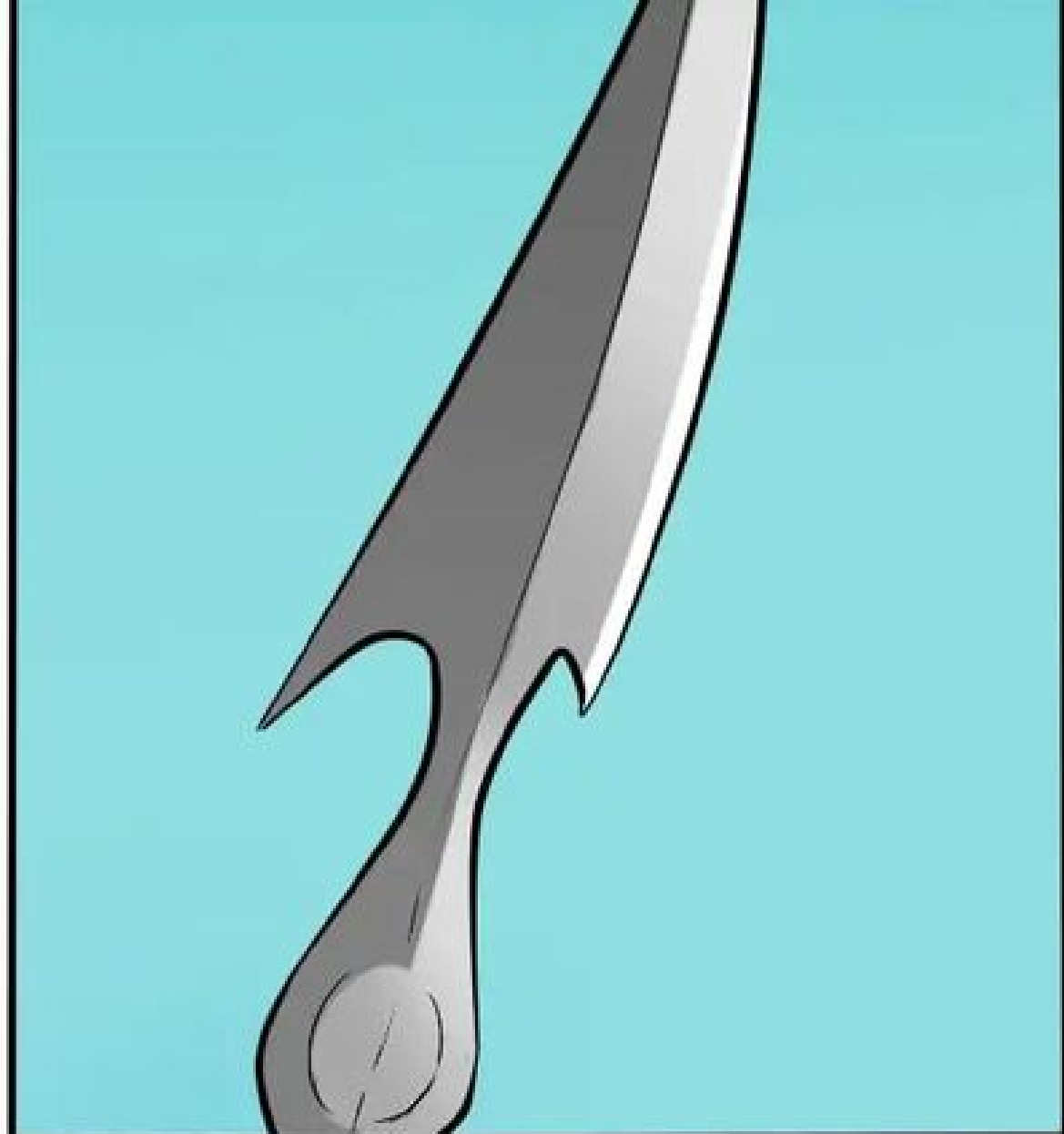
THANK YOU
FOR COMING
WITH US
TO XYRUS.



SUCH
MANNERS!



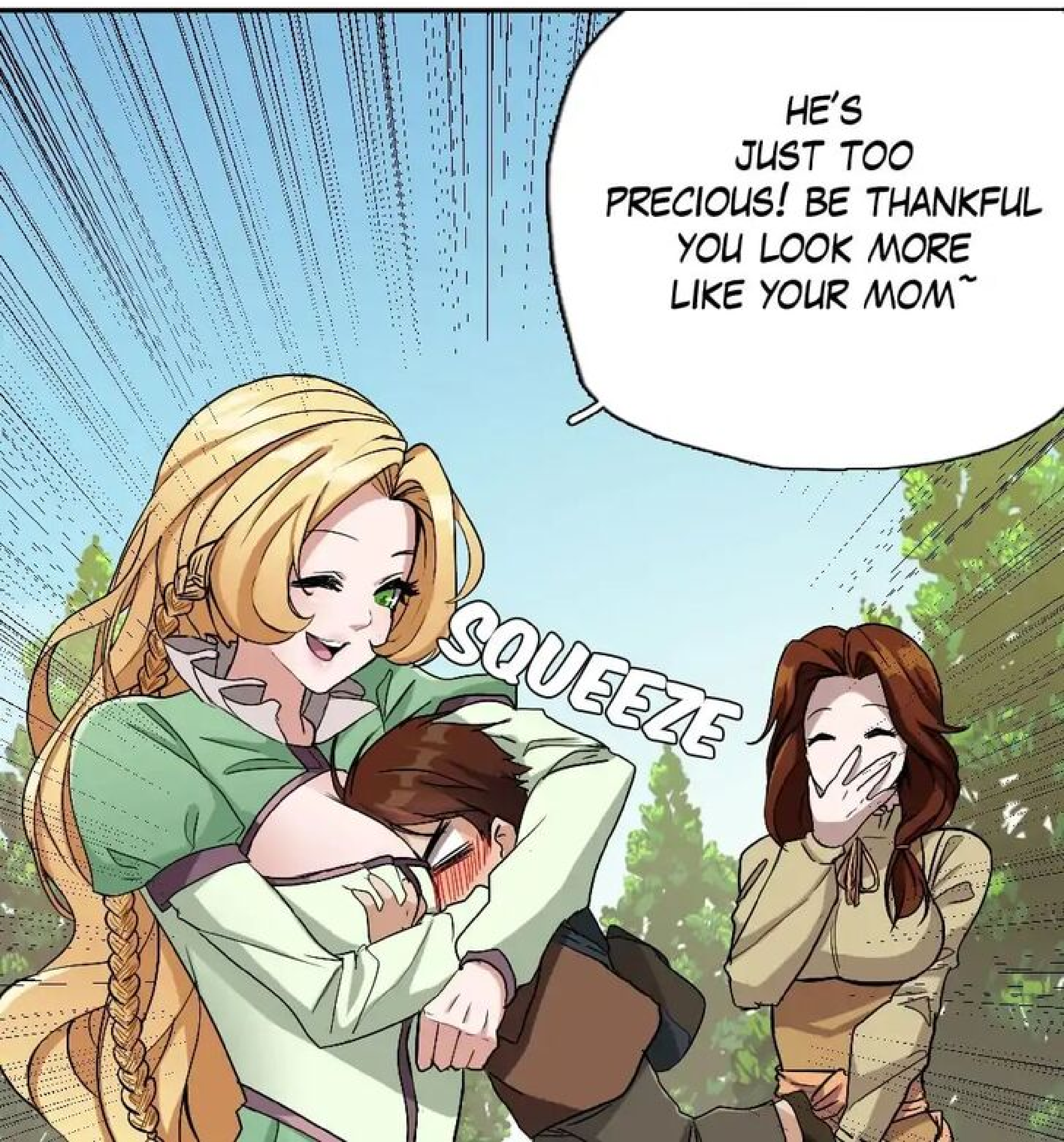




YOU SURE
REY IS YOUR
DAD, KID?

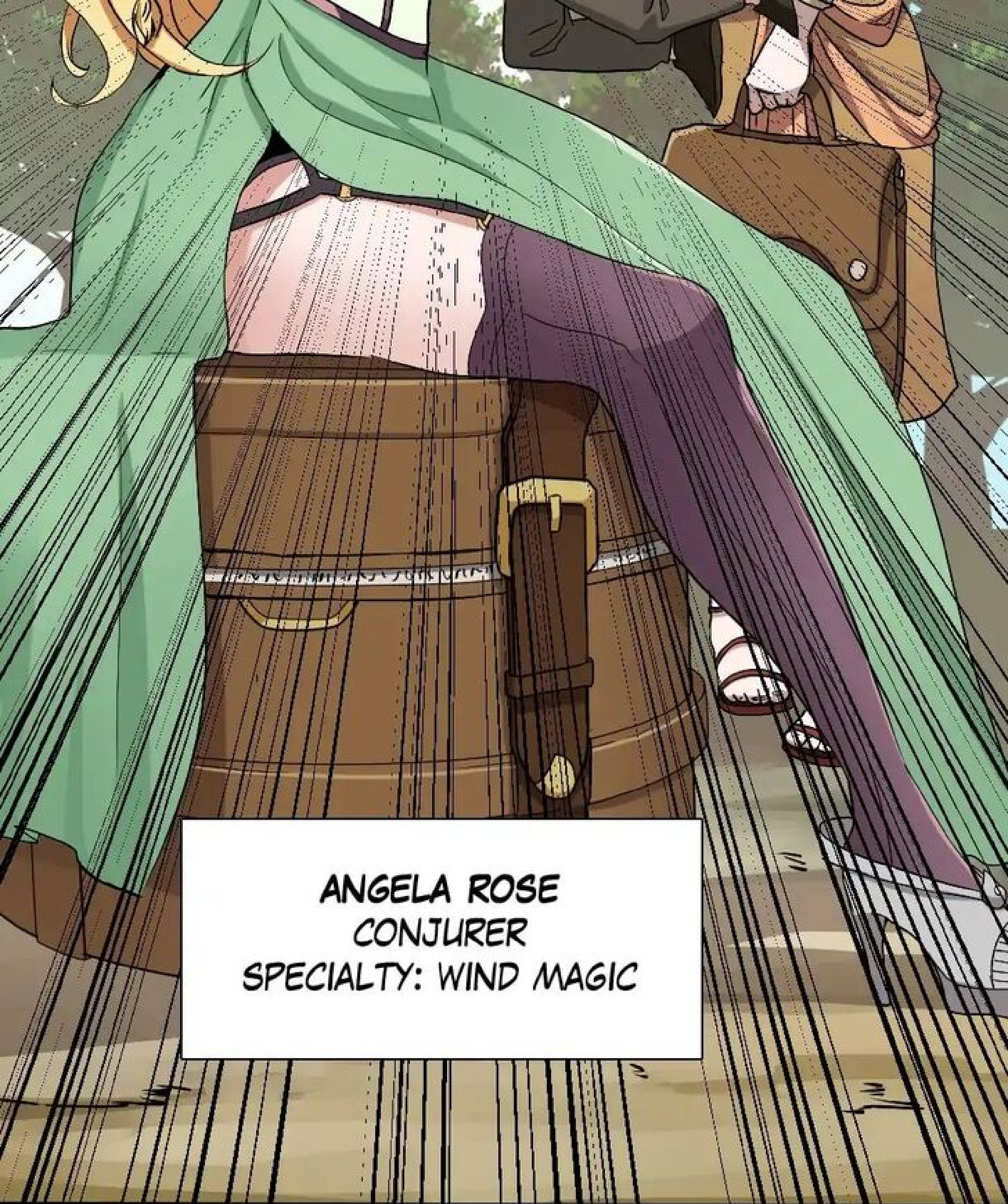






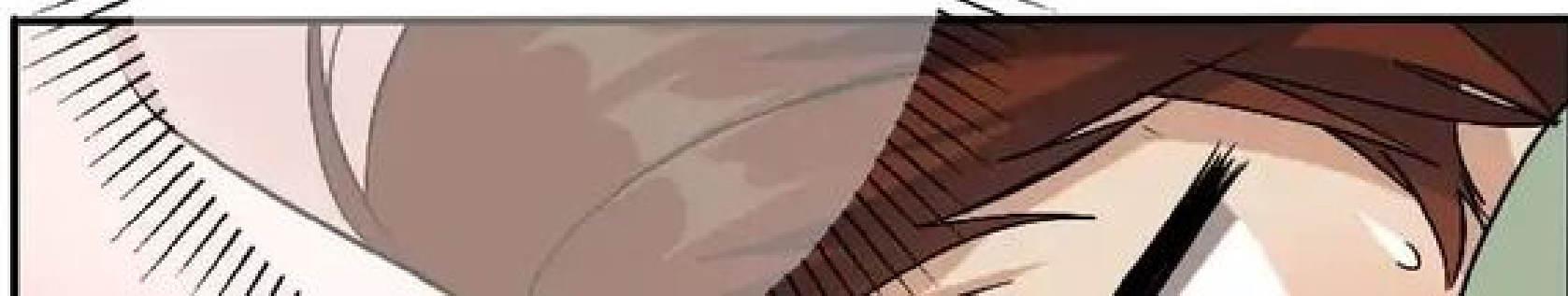
HE'S
JUST TOO
PRECIOUS! BE THANKFUL
YOU LOOK MORE
LIKE YOUR MOM~

SQUEEZE

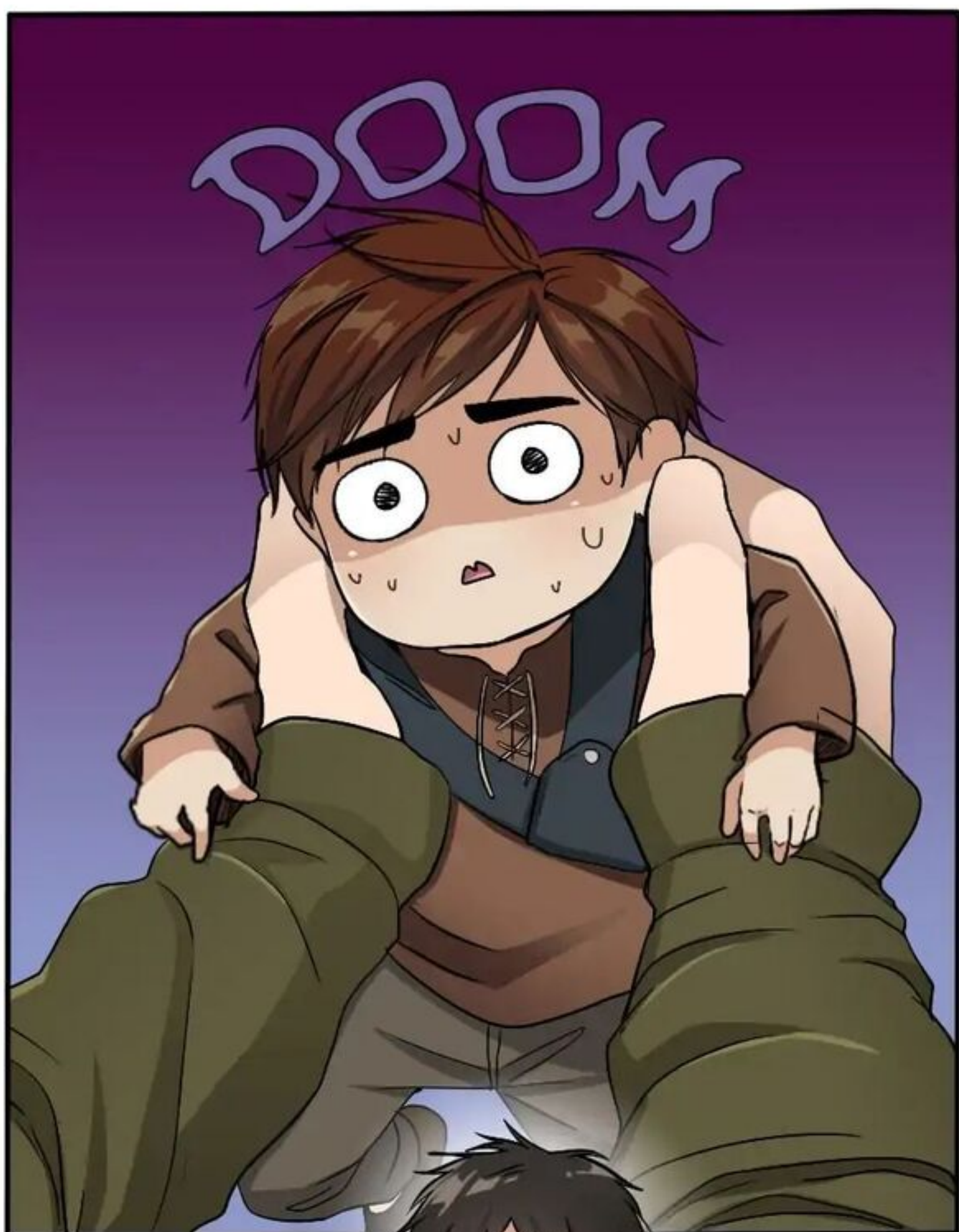


ANGELA ROSE
CONJURER
SPECIALTY: WIND MAGIC

WH-WHAT'S
GOING ON?! I
CAN'T BREATHE!









DURDEN WALKER
CONJURER
SPECIALTY: EARTH MAGIC

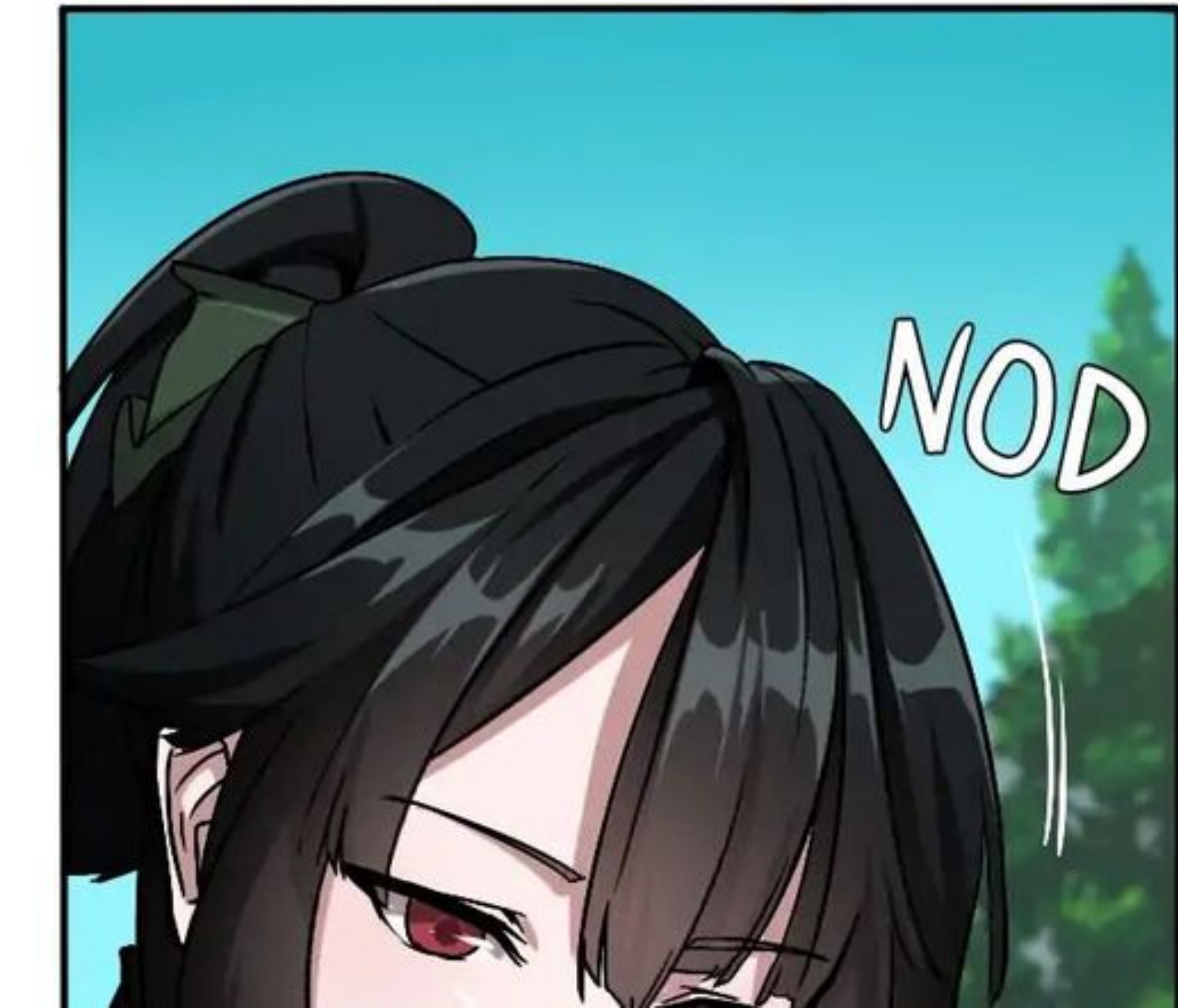






A full-body illustration of a character named Jasmine Flamesworth. She is a woman with long, dark hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a dark, sleeveless tactical vest with green straps and a brown belt. She is perched on a wooden fence, with her right leg bent and her left leg extended. A dagger is visible in a scabbard on her right thigh. In the foreground, the back of a person's head with long, wavy brown hair is visible, looking towards Jasmine. A white text box is positioned to the right of Jasmine.

**JASMINE
FLAMESWORTH
AUGMENTER
SPECIALTY: DUAL
DAGGERS**

A close-up illustration of a character's face, focusing on their eyes and hair. The character has dark, wavy hair and red eyes. They are looking slightly to the right. The background is a bright blue sky with some green foliage visible on the right side.

NOD



DON'T MIND HER,
SHE JUST NEEDS TO
GET USED TO YOU.



NICE
TO MEET YOU,
ARTHUR.

MY NAME IS
HELEN SHARD.

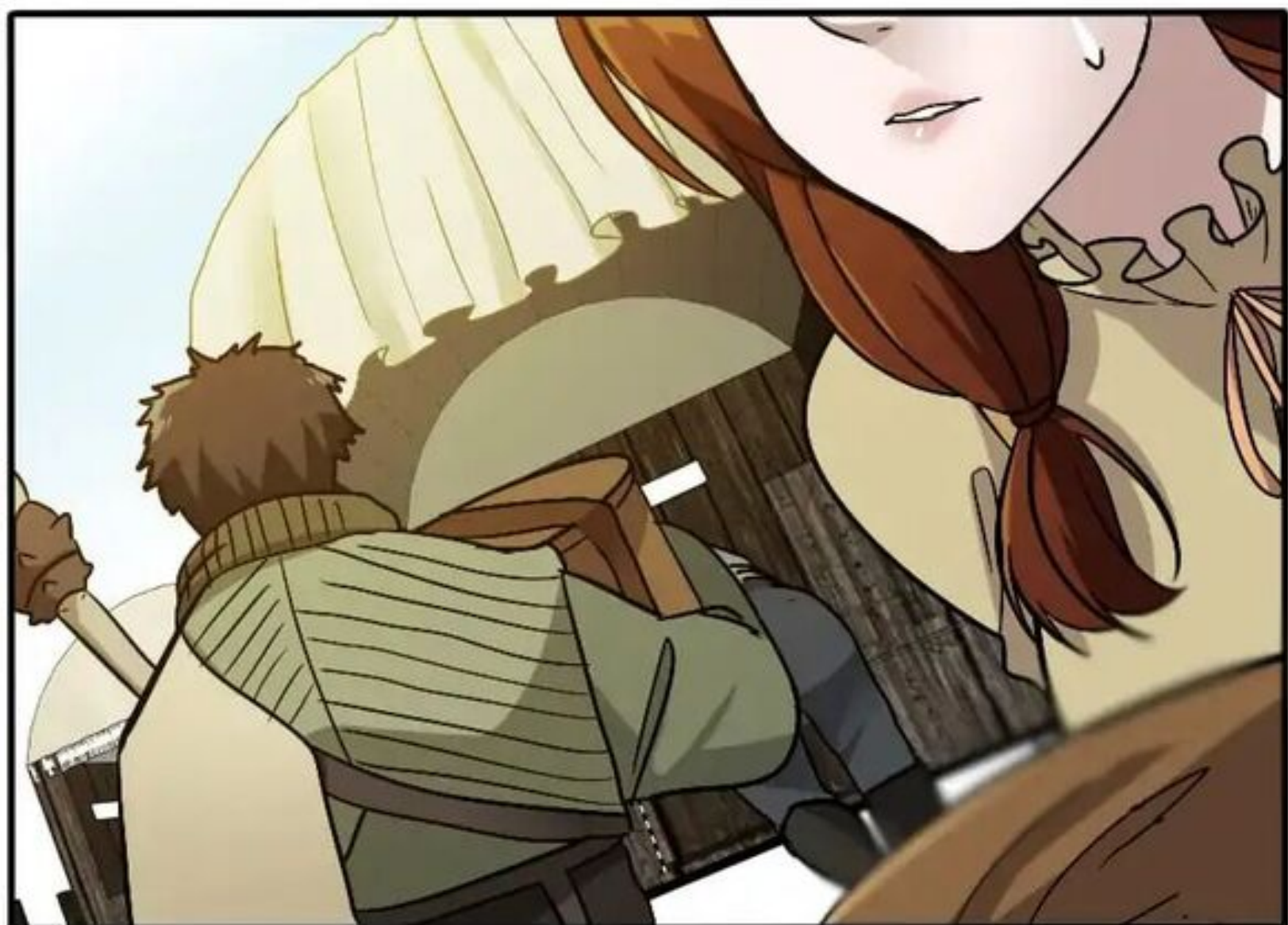


HELEN SHARD
AUGMENTER
SPECIALTY: MAGIC ARCHERY

ALRIGHT!

NOW THAT
EVERYONE'S GOTTEN
ACQUAINTED, LET'S
PREPARE TO
MOVE ON!









LET'S GO!

TROT

TROT









LET THE
JOURNEY
BEGIN!

EXTRA

GREETINGS
PLEB-TREASURED
READERS, I HAVE
COME PERSONALLY
TO ANNOUNCE THAT,
STARTING NEXT EPISODE,
THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END
IS GOING TO BE LOCKED
FOR TAPAS COINS.

HOWEVER,
YOU DON'T NEED
A KING'S WEALTH TO
JOURNEY ALONGSIDE ME
AS EACH EPISODE WILL
ONLY COST LESS THAN
A QUARTER

*less than
\$0.25 USD





REY~ DO YOU KNOW
WHERE MY NICE DISH IS?
I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND
IT ANYWHERE!



FOR THOSE THAT
HAVE DIFFICULTIES
AFFORDING THE EPISODES,
I WILL DO MY BEST TO MAKE
SURE MANY PROMOTIONS AND EVENTS
WILL TAKE PLACE SO THAT YOU

MAY HAVE OTHER MEANS
TO ACQUIRE THE
EPISODES.

I'M JUST
GOING TO PUT
THIS HERE...



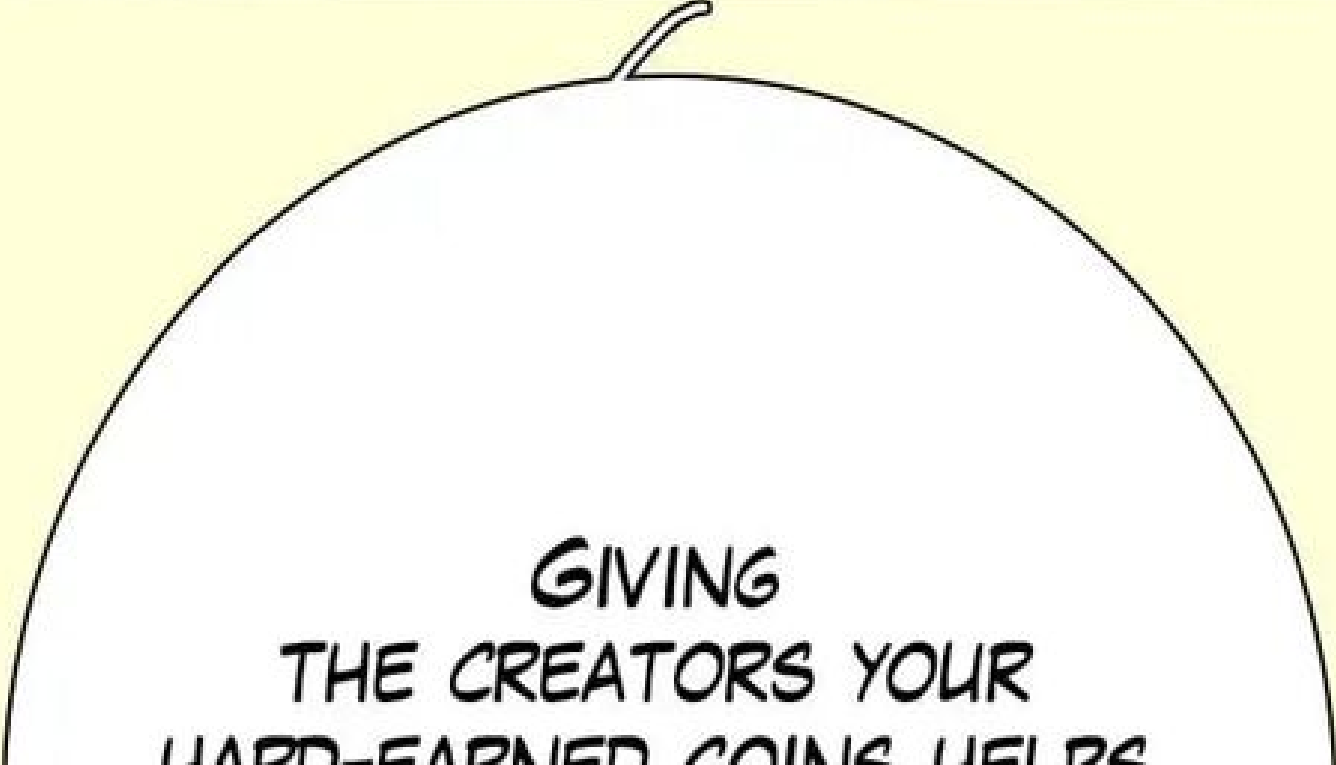
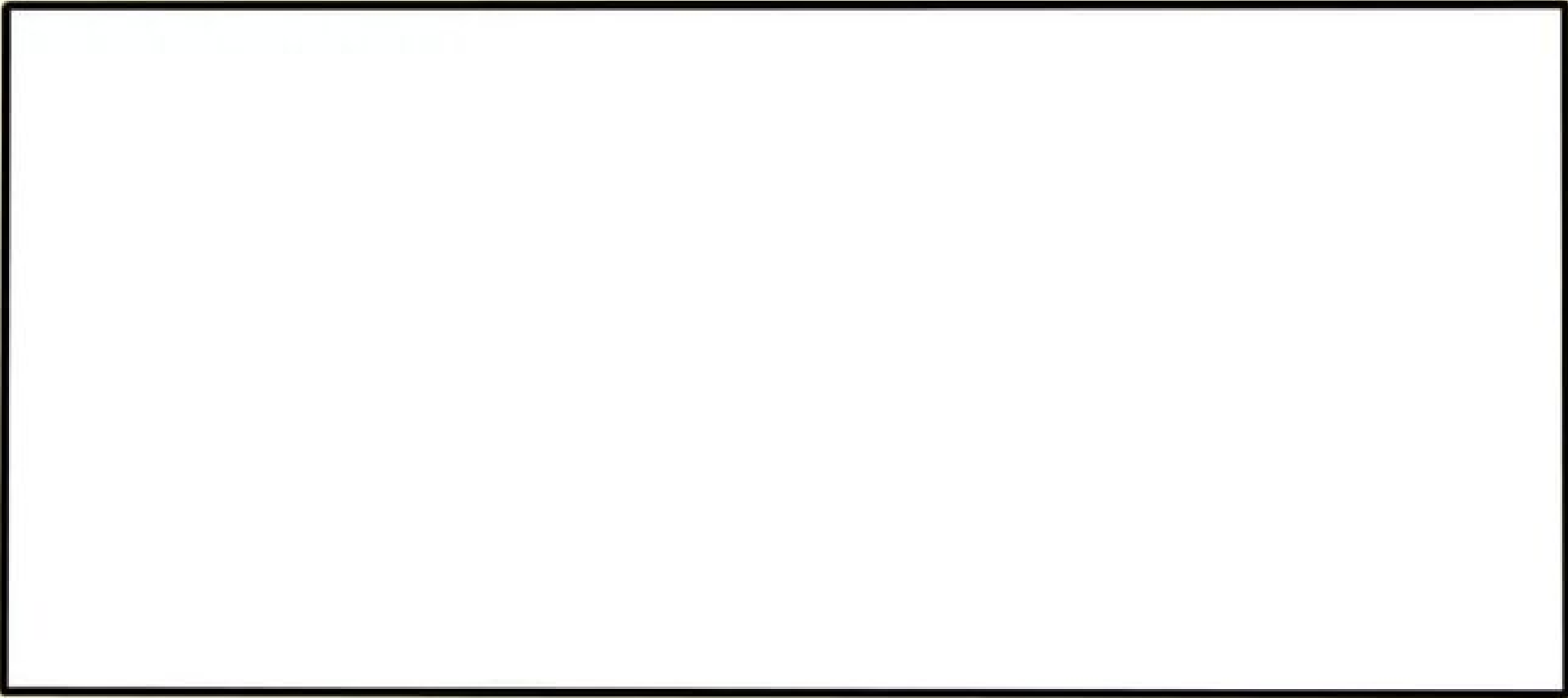
ALSO,
THE ENTIRE FIRST
VOLUME OF THIS
STORY IS AVAILABLE FOR FREE
IN NOVEL FORMAT RIGHT HERE
IN TAPAS FOR YOUR
CONVENIENCE.

ARTHUR?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AND WHAT'S THAT YOU HAVE
UNDER THE BLANKET?



WELL, THAT'S MY CUE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU ALL IN THE NEXT
EPISODE!





HARD-EARNED COINS HELPS
KEEP THIS STORY ALIVE...
SO PLEASE SUPPORT
THEM.

THANK YOU...

